

BERLIN MAY DEMAND RECALL OF WHITLOCK

Officials Stirred by Report, But
State Department Denies
Official Knowledge.

An intimation that the German government will ask for the removal of Brand Whitlock, United States minister to Belgium, from his post at Brussels, stirred officials today, although the State Department denied official knowledge that Germany contemplates such action.

While there was nothing to indicate that Germany's threatened action was predicated upon the demand of the United States for the recall of Captains Boy-Ed and von Papen, the two attaches of the German embassy here, the fact that the contemplated steps against Whitlock were made known after the United States Government had acted was considered significant.

Asked By Von Bissing.
The publication in Belgian newspapers under German censorship of apparently inspired articles that Whitlock will not be permitted to return to Belgium brought the matter to the attention of officials today. General von Bissing, the German military governor of Belgium, is said to have taken the initiative in asking the immediate removal of the American and Spanish legations from Brussels to Havre, France, where the Belgian government officials are stationed.

When Secretary Lansing's attention was called to these reports today he said no official communication had been received from the German government indicating that Whitlock is not acceptable to Germany. Mr. Whitlock has made all arrangements to return to his post in Brussels during the Christmas holidays, Mr. Lansing said.

The German government can do no more than ask that Minister Whitlock and the American legation be removed from Belgian territory now held by German troops, officials pointed out. Whitlock is accredited to Belgium, and only a request for recall could come from that country. The United States does not recognize that German control over Belgian territory necessitates any change in American diplomatic relations with Belgium.

Counselor Already Withdrawn.
Officials admitted that the German government would be acting within its rights if it asked that Whitlock be removed from Brussels. It was stated that in response to Germany's intimation indicated dispatching the United States already had withdrawn Counselor Delaval from the legation at Brussels on account of efforts to prevent the execution of the British nurse, Edith Cavell.

Publication in England of reports made to Ambassador Page at London by Mr. Whitlock in connection with the Cavell case angered Germany at the time. Following this, Whitlock left Brussels on leave of absence to visit this country. After his conference with President Wilson and Secretary Lansing this week it was explained that the minister had come home to recuperate and would return to Brussels, sailing December 2, after visiting his home in Toledo.

Officials reiterate this explanation, insisting that no official intimation that Whitlock's return to Brussels would be displeasing to Germany has been received.

Reports persist, however, that in retaliation for the expulsion of the two attaches of its embassy, the German government will take action designed to prevent Whitlock's return.

**Natural Gas Station
Wrecked by Explosion**
KANE, Pa., Dec. 5.—Natural gas for both domestic and manufacturing purposes in many cities and towns in northwestern Pennsylvania and western New York was curtailed today following an explosion and fire at McKimley which destroyed the mammoth pumping station of the Manufacturers' Gas Company. The property loss will reach \$100,000.

Evening Services in the Churches

Church of the Epiphany, G street, near Fourteenth street, Rev. Randolph H. McKim. "What Is Eternal Life?" 8 p. m.

New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York avenue, Thirtieth and H streets, Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, "An Arrow of Deliverance," 8 p. m.

Church of the Covenant, Connecticut avenue, Eighteenth and N streets, Rev. Charles Wood. "The Purposes and Uses of Prosperity, National and Individual," 8 p. m.

Foundry M. E. Church, Sixteenth and Church streets, Rev. W. R. Wedderburn. "The Men for the Times," 8 p. m.

Metropolitan Memorial M. E. Church, Rev. James Shera Montgomery. "The Drama of St. Paul," by Dr. Samuel J. MacWatters, 8 p. m.

Hamline M. E. Church, Ninth and P streets, Rev. Lucius C. Clark. Closing service of semi-centennial celebration, 8 p. m.

Centennial Baptist Church, Seventh and I streets northeast, Rev. E. Hez Swem. "The Kind of Men Women Despire," 8 p. m.

First Congregational Church, Tenth and G streets, Rev. Robert W. Coe. Sermon by Rev. Milton S. Littlefield, of Brooklyn, 8 p. m.

All Souls' Unitarian Church, Fourteenth and L streets, Rev. Ulysses G. B. Pierce. Address by B. F. Lindsay, "The Religion of Humanity," 8 p. m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Columbia road and Euclid street. "God the Only Cause and Creator," 8 p. m.

Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Fifteenth and R streets, "God the Only Cause and Creator," 8 p. m.

First Spiritualist Church, Pythian Temple, 1012 Ninth street northwest. Lecture by Mrs. C. Fannie Allen, 7:30 p. m.

Union M. E. Church, Twentieth street, near Pennsylvania avenue, Rev. John MacMurray. "God's Dividends," 8 p. m.

Guntion-Temple Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fourteenth and R streets, Rev. C. Everest Granger. Rev. John Nelson Mills, on "The Mountain Whites of the South," 6:45 p. m.

Grace Episcopal Church, Wisconsin avenue and South street, Rev. George W. Atkinson, jr. Evensong and sermon at 7:30 p. m.

Mt. Vernon Place M. E. Church, South, Ninth street and Massachusetts avenue, Rev. Edward K. Hardin. "Women of the Old Testament II: Rahab Following the Glean," 8 p. m.

Waugh M. E. Church, Third and A streets northeast, Rev. F. M. McCoy. "The Great Physician and the Proud Spirit," 7:30 p. m.

West Washington Baptist Church, Thirty-first and N streets, Rev. B. D. Gaw. "What Do Baptists Believe About Sin," 7:45 p. m.

Salvation Army, 930 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. Special service, led by Ensign Louis Coleman, 8 p. m.

Gospel Mission, 214 John Marshall place. Services and good music at 7 p. m.

Central Union Mission, 622 Louisiana avenue northwest. James T. Lloyd, speaker, 7:30 p. m.

Fourth Presbyterian Church, Thirteenth and Fairmont streets northwest, Rev. Joseph T. Kelly. Howard A. Banks, lecturer on "Sunrise and Sunset, and the Four Watches of the Night," 8 p. m.

Fifth Baptist Church, F near Seventh street southwest, Rev. John E. Briggs. "The Pearl of Parables," 8 p. m.

Second Baptist Church, Fourth street and Virginia avenue southeast, Rev. Howard I. Stewart. "The Pace That Kills," 7:45 p. m.

Trinity M. E. Church, Pennsylvania avenue and Fifth street southeast, Rev. J. Phelps Hand. "The Tragedy of the Far-sighted Man," 7:30 p. m.

Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, Fifth and F streets northwest, Rev. Howard F. Downs. "Rich Poverty," 8 p. m.

Washington Heights Presbyterian Church, Columbia and Kalorama roads, Rev. John C. Palmer. "An Impossible Neutrality," 7:45 p. m.

Northminster Presbyterian Church, Eleventh street and Rhode Island avenue, Rev. S. A. Bower. "Women of the Orient," 7:45 p. m.

Western Presbyterian Church, H street, near Nineteenth, Rev. J. Harvey Dunham. "Samson," 8 p. m.

Eckington Presbyterian Church, North Capitol street, Florida avenue, and Q street, Rev. H. E. Brundage. "Mental Dietetics," 7:45 p. m.

Metropolitan Baptist Church, Sixth and A streets southeast, Rev. John Compton Ball. "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," 7:45 p. m.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Sixteenth street and Columbia road, Rev. Gove Griffith Johnson. "The Necessity for a Break With the Past," 7:45 p. m.

Maryland Avenue Baptist Church, Fourteenth street and Maryland avenue, Rev. Harry J. Goodwin. "Worldly Amusements—the Modern Dance," 7:30 p. m.

Kendall Baptist Church, Ninth street, near B street southwest, Rev. W. S. Dunlop. "Scriptural Preparedness," 7:30 p. m.

Temple Baptist Church, Tenth and N streets, Rev. J. J. Muir. "Home Tyrannies," 7:45 p. m.

Church of the New Jerusalem, Sixteenth and Corcoran streets, Rev. Frank Sewall. Sermon by Rev. E. L. G. Reissner, of Baltimore, on "The Spiritual Phenomena of the Lord's Second Advent," 7:30 p. m.

Christadelphian Chapel, New Hampshire and Georgia avenues. "To Whom Shall We Look for Peace," 8 p. m.

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